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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced that a two count indictment<sup>1</sup> was filed charging TROY S. DAMIANO with conspiracy to distribute heroin, possession with intent to distribute heroin, and criminal forfeiture.

The indictment alleges that defendant TROY S. DAMIANO participated in a heroin conspiracy between approximately April 1, 2006 through April 26, 2006. The indictment alleges that DAMIANO asked another person to accept a package to be delivered to that person's residence which DAMIANO was going to have delivered. The indictment further alleges that DAMIANO used an alias of "Melvin Goodman," and that the package would be originating from Bogota, Colombia, and sent to Reading, Pennsylvania. The indictment further alleges that on April 26, 2006, DAMIANO took possession of the package which contained approximately 36.9 grams of heroin concealed inside Polaroid photographs.

If convicted, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 60 years imprisonment, a \$4,000,000 fine, lifetime supervised release with a mandatory minimum 3 years supervised release and a \$200 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Allentown Resident Agency and the Berks County District Attorney's Office Detectives. The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Seth Weber.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
TROY S. DAMIANO	Reading, PA	36 years old

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<sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.